

the application is four independent claims, and the total number of claims is 24. Therefore, also enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$131.00 for payment of the fee associated with the Petition, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, and for payment of the fees associated with one excess independent claim and four excess total claims, as set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, and authorization for the Commissioner to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 50-0836.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend or rewrite the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A composition of matter comprising a polysaccharide covalently bonded to a hydrophobic agent, wherein said hydrophobic agent is a member selected from the group consisting of [bile acids,] sterols, [and alcanoic acids] deoxycholic acid, chenodeoxycholic acid, lithocholic acid, ursocholic acid, ursodeoxycholic acid, isoursodeoxycholic acid, lagodeoxycholic acid, glycocholic acid, taurocholic acid, glycodeoxycholic acid, glycochenodeoxycholic acid, dehydrocholic acid, hyocholic acid, hyodeoxycholic acid, and mixtures thereof.

Please cancel claims 5, 7, and 8 without prejudice.

5~~8~~. (Amended) A composition of matter comprising heparin covalently bonded to a sterol, wherein the sterol is a member [The composition of matter of claim 3 wherein said hydrophobic agent is a sterol] selected from the group consisting of cholestanol, coprostanol, cholesterol, epicholesterol, ergosterol, ergocalciferol, and mixtures thereof.

7~~10~~. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising (a) a pharmaceutically effective amount of a composition of matter comprising a polysaccharide covalently bonded to a hydrophobic agent, wherein the hydrophobic agent is a member selected from the group consisting of [bile acids,] sterols, [and alkanoic acids] deoxycholic acid, chenodeoxycholic acid, lithocholic acid, ursocholic acid, ursodeoxycholic acid, isoursodeoxycholic acid, lagodeoxycholic acid, glycocholic acid, taurocholic acid, glycodeoxycholic acid, glycochenodeoxycholic acid, dehydrocholic acid, hyocholic acid, hyodeoxycholic acid, and mixtures thereof and (b) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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[Please add the following new claims to the application:

16~~21~~. The composition of matter of claim 1 wherein the hydrophobic agent is deoxycholic acid.

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~~22.~~ The pharmaceutical composition of claim ~~10~~⁷ wherein the hydrophobic agent is a sterol selected from the group consisting of cholestanol, coprostanol, cholesterol, epicholesterol, ergosterol, ergocalciferol, and mixtures thereof.

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~~23.~~ The pharmaceutical composition of claim ~~10~~⁷ wherein the hydrophobic agent is deoxycholic acid.

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~~24.~~ The pharmaceutical composition of claim ~~10~~¹³ wherein the hydrophobic agent is a sterol selected from the group consisting of cholestanol, coprostanol, cholesterol, epicholesterol, ergosterol, ergocalciferol, and mixtures thereof.

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~~25.~~ The pharmaceutical composition of claim ~~10~~¹³ wherein the hydrophobic agent is deoxycholic acid.

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~~26.~~ The method of claim ~~19~~ wherein the hydrophobic agent is a sterol selected from the group consisting of cholestanol, coprostanol, cholesterol, epicholesterol, ergosterol, ergocalciferol, and mixtures thereof.

27. The method of claim 19 wherein the hydrophobic agent is deoxycholic acid.